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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

By Rowland

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Kevin S. Latta for  
Outstanding work as an intern for State  
Representative Donna Rowland.

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Latta has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for Representative Donna Rowland and his service to other members of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee General Assembly. His efforts have resulted in untold benefits for the members he served in the General Assembly and great state of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, After attending Columbia State Community College where he was an honored member of the elite President's List, Kevin is currently a highly regarded student who is majoring in Political Science at Middle Tennessee State University, and he has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself as an adroit and insightful columnist for *Sidelines*, the University newspaper; and was instrumental as Mock Trial Team captain during

the school's highest finish at the nation's largest tournament; he received acclaim and recognition as Best Attorney in addition to numerous team awards; and

WHEREAS, He is the son of proud and patient parents, Ken and Bitsy Latta of Lynnville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, During the 2001 legislative session, Kevin has exceeded all standards with regards to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in research and analysis of the budget proposal, overcoming the adversity of gaining computer access only during the lunch breaks of those Representatives and staff members around him; and

WHEREAS, Kevin distinguished himself through his service to the 49<sup>th</sup> House District on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has made the second floor of the War Memorial Building a better place to work and visit through his many activities; prior to his arrival no one had thought that "Federal Express Skeet Shooting" could be so much fun; and

WHEREAS, He has vigorously pursued avenues by which he could vehemently oppose the actions of those individuals and organizations who seek to diminish or destroy altogether the Second Amendment Rights of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, He has displayed his consummate sportsmanship after having been the victim of the most heinous of practical jokes concocted by those around him for the sole purpose of his utter humiliation and their entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Office co-workers Mande Tracy, Tammy Martin, and Patrick Boggs are very appreciative of Kevin Latta for his upbeat attitude, willingness to pitch in, and curiosity about all things political, and thank him for the many laughs he has provided and a job well done; and

WHEREAS, While serving as both campaign manager and Chief of Staff for Mark Bush, Kevin used his singular political expertise to secure Mr. Bush's victory as the first ever Speaker of the Inaugural Intern General Assembly. Kevin was subsequently appointed Deputy

Speaker of the Inaugural Intern House of Representatives, where he served during the session with dignity and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, His fellow interns in the 2001 Legislative Intern Class expressed their supreme confidence in Kevin by voting him "Most Likely To Run For Office"; and

WHEREAS, Eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Kevin brought with him to the State Capitol his many skills for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has performed his many duties with extraordinary intelligence and alacrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Kevin S. Latta for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Donna Rowland and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.